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Dads and Mental Health Matter!

Presenter Bios



Richard Barr, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse

Richard Barr is the webinar lead at ICF where he lends his expertise with fatherhood and the delivery of fatherhood and father-friendly services to the development of webinars and products. Formerly, he served as vice president of strategy and organizational development for the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families (SCCFF). In that role, Mr. Barr facilitated the growth of SCCFF, along with its six fatherhood programs, into a national model of best fatherhood practices with a statewide reach across South Carolina; raised SCCFF's visibility; ensured resources for its sustained growth; created its curriculum; and doubled its services and scope while building a network of support for men, fathers, and families. Years earlier he served as the first director and formulated the program for the Urban League's Columbia Fatherhood Engagement Initiative. Mr. Barr shares his extensive knowledge of personal and organizational growth and development, family dynamics, leadership, economics and wealth, counseling, and community development across the country. He often speaks on topics related to adversity, family systems and relationships, and males, particularly young fathers, and fathers of color. He is considered a national expert on poverty and economic development opportunities for families, fathers, and communities. Mr. Barr earned an M.A. in counseling psychology and family dynamics from Webster University.



Armin Brott, Mr. Dad

A former Marine, Armin Brott has devoted the last 15 years to providing men with the tools, support, and knowledge to help them become the fathers they want to be—and their families need them to be. His seven critically acclaimed books for fathers have sold well over a million copies. Titles include *The Expectant Father: Facts, Tips, and Advice for Dads-to-Be* and *The New Father: A Dad's Guide to the First Year*. He has written on fatherhood for hundreds of newspapers and magazines and is a frequent guest on such television programs as the *Today Show*. He also writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column (*Ask Mr. Dad*) and hosts a syndicated radio show (*Positive Parenting*). He lives with his family in Oakland, California.



Shari Doherty, Child Find of America, Inc

Shari Doherty works for Child Find of America, Inc., where she serves as the Parent Help Program Director and Lead Trainer. She supervises a case work team addressing missing child matters, location efforts, legal options, family conflict, parenting skills and parenting apart. She is a seasoned mediator and certified NYS Victim Advocate and Paralegal with expertise in child abuse, exploitation and sex trafficking, divorce, parenting apart, interpersonal violence and mediation methodologies. Along with direct services, Ms. Doherty conducts trainings for family service providers, legal and mental health professionals, parents, edu-carers and school staff, child welfare agencies, NGO grantees and others on issues related to family conflict, denied access, and missing children, parenting skill building, domestic violence, and fatherhood related issues. She specializes in crafting experiential and engaging workshops on often difficult subjects. She has served her community as a volunteer mediator, recreation commission chair, and member of parent-teacher and youth dance theatre boards. She and her husband have raised three lovely, wise-cracking daughters and therefore both appreciate and lament their now empty nest.



Jacqueline Proctor, Office of Family Assistance

Jacqueline Proctor is a National Initiatives Branch Chief at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services', Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA), Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRP) Program. Prior to joining OFA, she was a Project Officer in ACF's Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) overseeing funded projects implementing Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Risk Avoidance programs. Prior to joining ACF, Ms. Proctor was the Project Coordinator for the District of Columbia, Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Program and she also served as a Public Health Advisor for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. Years earlier, Ms. Proctor worked for a nonprofit organization supporting individuals with disabilities along with their families by facilitating skills and employment services to build more inclusive communities. Ms. Proctor has more than 27 years of experience overseeing state and community-based programs designed to improve the well-being of vulnerable and underserved individuals, families, and communities.



Cori J. Williams, LICSW, Quintessential Wellness Solutions LLC

Cori Williams is a licensed clinical social worker, who holds a master's in social work (MSW) from the prestigious Boston University School of Social Work, is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), and founder of Quintessential Wellness Solutions LLC. His practice is specially equipped to support adult men, women, and couples of color and is a welcoming and affirming space for all races, presentations, and genders. In addition to being a licensed psychotherapist, Mr. Williams is the award-winning author of *Thriving While Black: The Act of Surviving and Thriving in the Same Space*.